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**8.** An RF quadrupole ion trap for the storage of externally generated ions, comprising:

- (a) an ion trap with end cap and ring electrodes, and an injection hole in one of the electrodes,
- (b) a generator for generating an RF drive voltage,
- (c) a series of coaxial aperture diaphragms designed as a travelling field apparatus, acting as an injection device for injecting the externally generated ions, and
- (d) a generator for generating a multi-phase AC voltage for the travelling wave field apparatus.

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**9.** The ion trap as in claim **8**, wherein the diaphragms are sequentially connected with output phase voltage connectors of the multiple phase alternating voltage generator.

**10.** The ion trap as in claim **9**, wherein the AC voltages of the multi-phase alternating voltage generator are superimposed with DC voltages.

**11.** The ion trap as in claim **8**, wherein the multi-phase alternating voltage generator produces a voltage with a basic frequency which corresponds to the frequency of the RF generator for the drive voltage of the ion trap or an integral fraction of the RF frequency.

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